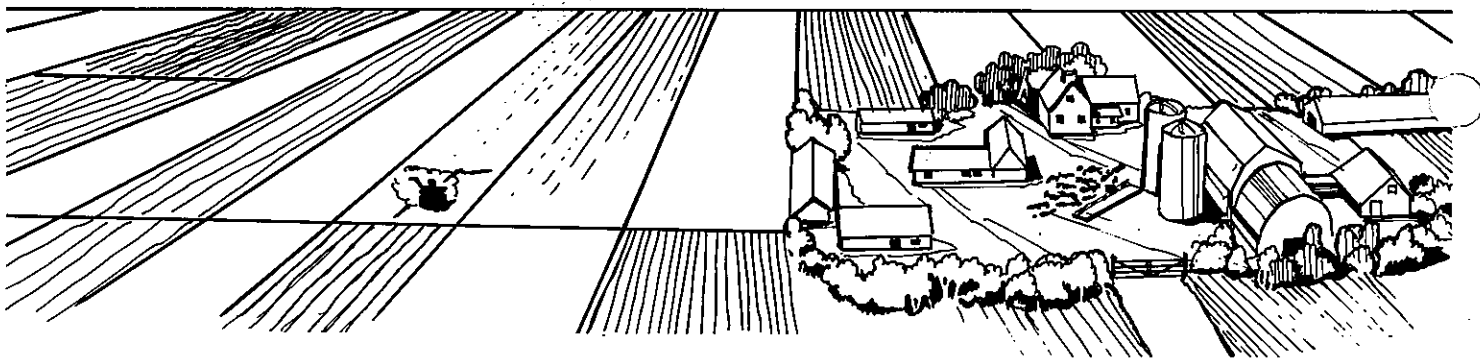
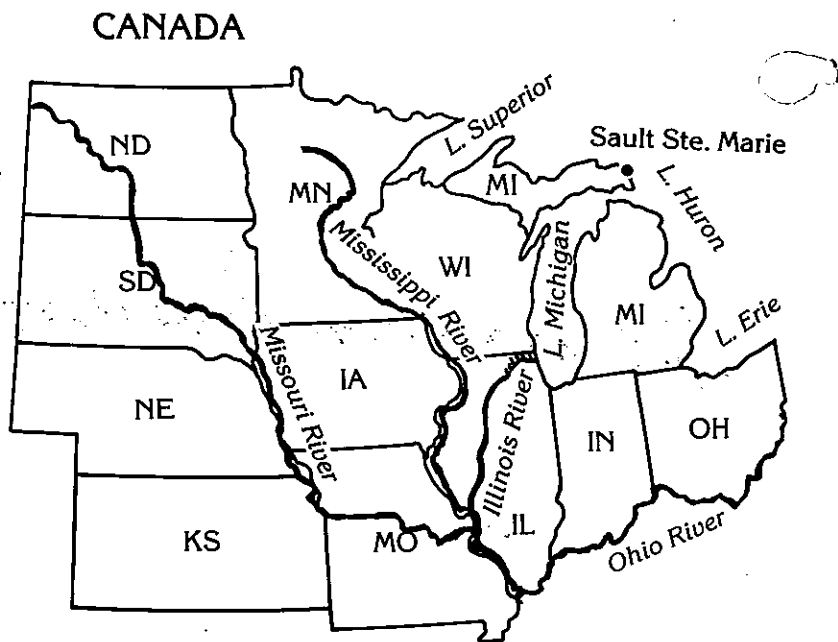


CENTRAL USA

The Central Region of the United States is composed of twelve states. It is known as the agricultural belt of America. It is the nation's most important farming region producing three-fourths of the corn and soybeans grown in the United States, half the wheat, and much of the livestock meats that Americans consume. The surplus, thousands of tons of grains and soybeans, is exported.

Many of the industries of this region are directly or indirectly related to the manufacture of automobiles and other transportation vehicles. Much of the iron ore and coal needed in the production of steel for the making of cars is mined in this area.

It is the only region not located on an ocean, but it has a network of waterways to transport crops and raw materials. The Great Lakes and the Sault Ste. Marie Canal allow goods to be shipped between lake cities and ultimately to the Atlantic Ocean.



Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. List the twelve states of the Central Region.
2. The chief landform of this region is plains. How is this fact related to the abundance of crops grown?
3. In addition to the farmer, who else benefits from the sale of surplus foods to foreign countries?
4. What is the leading manufacturing industry of this region? Why do you think this industry is located in this region?
5. Using waterways, how would a barge load of corn be shipped from a city on the Missouri River to a cereal company in Michigan?
6. How would iron ore mined in Minnesota be shipped to a steel mill city located on Lake Erie?
7. What lakes does the Sault Ste. Marie Canal join?
8. In what state does the Mississippi River originate?